

Time travel between the beginning and end of colonial America is especially economical when you purchase a combination ticket to Jamestown Settlement and Yorktown Victory Center. You'll save approximately 15% and do not have to visit both sites on the same day.

**Go from 1607 to 1781  
at your own pace with  
our money-saving  
combination ticket.**

Be sure to pick up a free museum guide where you purchase your ticket so you won't miss a thing.

**Hours of Operation:** Jamestown Settlement and Yorktown Victory Center are open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Allow at least two to three hours for your visit to Jamestown Settlement and two to three hours for Yorktown Victory Center (although many visitors enjoy staying longer).

**Information:** For information about rates, special events and group visits, write Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, P.O. Box 1607, Williamsburg, VA 23187, call 757-253-4838 or toll-free 888-593-4682, or visit [www.historyisfun.org](http://www.historyisfun.org).

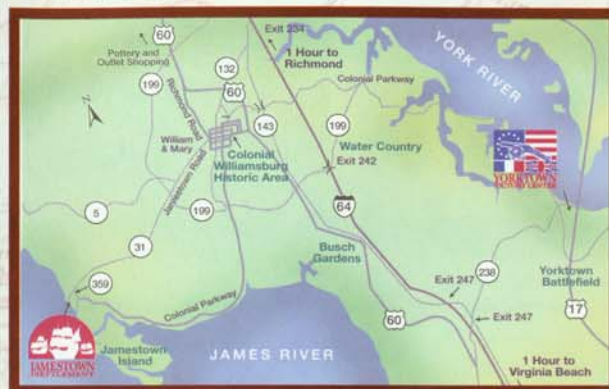
**Special Arrangements:** Call 757-253-4838 or toll-free 888-593-4682 for information about accessibility for people with disabilities. All areas of the museums, except on board the ships, are wheelchair accessible. A video tour of the largest ship, *Susan Constant*, is shown in the Jamestown Settlement galleries. Strollers and wheelchairs are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Open-captioned versions of on-site films are available on request. Assistive listening systems are available for films and outdoor interpretive areas. Sign language interpreters are available with a minimum of two weeks advance notice. Licensed guide animals assisting visitors are allowed throughout the museums. The T.D.D. phone number (hearing impaired) is 757-253-7236.

**Supplies and provisions for  
today's visitors are as close as  
our gift shops and café.**

Gift items in the colonial era often had to be shipped from England. Today you'll find an ample supply of period replicas, educational toys and games, gift and food items, books, souvenirs and film for your camera in the delightful gift shops at Jamestown Settlement and Yorktown Victory Center.

Jamestown Settlement's café offers soups, sandwiches and beverages. Box lunches are available for pre-planned group visits. Picnic tables are located at both Jamestown Settlement and Yorktown Victory Center.

**Getting to Jamestown  
and Yorktown.  
(It's no longer a 144-day voyage.)**



Unless you're coming by sailing vessel, a trip to Jamestown Settlement and Yorktown Victory Center is a matter of hours, not days, from anywhere in the mid-Atlantic region.

Virginia's Historic Triangle is easily reached via Interstates 95 and 64 and U.S. 17. Jamestown Settlement is on State Route 31, 10 minutes from Colonial Williamsburg and Busch Gardens Williamsburg. From I-64, take exit 242-A and follow signs to Jamestown Settlement. Yorktown Victory Center is on Old State Route 238, just blocks from Yorktown. Use exit 247 from I-64 and follow signs to Yorktown Victory Center.

Yorktown, Jamestown and Williamsburg are all linked by the scenic Colonial Parkway. While in the area, you may also wish to visit the National Park Service sites at Yorktown and Jamestown as well as Colonial Williamsburg, Busch Gardens Williamsburg and Water Country USA. To request a Williamsburg Visitor Guide magazine, call the Williamsburg Area Convention and Visitors Bureau toll-free at 800-368-6511. For information on area accommodations, including the popular Williamsburg Flex and Historic Triangle vacation packages, call the Williamsburg Hotel & Motel Association toll-free at 800-465-5546.

Jamestown Settlement and Yorktown Victory Center are operated by the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation to educate and to promote understanding and awareness of Virginia's role in the creation of the United States of America. The Foundation, accredited by the American Association of Museums, is an educational institution of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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## Jamestown Settlement & Yorktown Victory Center



**Be there.**



V I R G I N I A

## History has done you an enormous favor.

Two world-shaking events that might have happened

*The beginning  
and end of  
colonial america,  
all within a 30-  
minute drive.*



hundreds of miles apart took place instead on a single narrow peninsula between Virginia's James and York rivers.

Only a few miles from where America's colonial history began at Jamestown in 1607, colonial America came to an end with the Battle of Yorktown 174 years later; and a new nation began.

Today at Jamestown Settlement and Yorktown Victory Center, the struggles, adventures and hopes of those momentous early years are brought to life in vivid detail through engaging exhibits and dramatic living history.

And, thanks to one of history's amazing coincidences, you can visit both places — and Colonial Williamsburg — all within the 20-mile span of Virginia's Historic Triangle.

## Jamestown Settlement

**Within hailing distance of Jamestown's original site,** three tall-masted ships lie at anchor in the James

River. A short distance up the river's bank, the wood palisade of a re-created colonial fort encircles the wattle-and-daub buildings within. In the woods beyond the fort, smoke wafts from reed-covered dwellings of a Powhatan Indian village.

This is Jamestown Settlement — as close as you are ever likely to get to the sights and sounds that Captain John Smith, Pocahontas,



Jamestown's colonists and the Powhatan Indians encountered in the early years of the 17th century.

The promise of gold had drawn the English to these unknown shores. But the gold that would sustain the colony through famine, disease and Indian attacks was tobacco. The seeds of representative government in America were sown here, as well as the seeds of an economy dependent on slavery.

Jamestown Settlement's indoor galleries are an ideal starting point for your visit. Original artifacts, fascinating exhibits

and an informative 15-minute film illuminate the England that colonists left behind, the Algonquian Indian culture they encountered in Virginia, and the challenges they faced during Jamestown's eventful first hundred years.

Then, you step back in time through the portal of living history. Costumed interpreters are your guides to the past.

The woodland world of the Powhatan Indians. The crowded English ships that were home to the colony for a rigorous 144-day Atlantic crossing. The harsh realities of life in a fortified settlement.

The history depicted here is more than just something you'll observe or hear. You'll touch it. Smell it. Even try your hand at some of it.

When all is said and done, you won't just know about Jamestown's special place in the history of America. You may have a sense that you were actually there.



**"There wee  
landed and...  
(found) faire meddowes and  
goodly tall Trees; with such  
Fresh-waters running through  
the woods, as I was almost  
ravished at the first sight  
thereof." — George Percy, 1607**

## Yorktown Victory Center

**Within musket range  
of Yorktown Battlefield,** the

sun rises on a military encampment like those that housed General Washington's army on the eve of victory over the British in October of 1781.

On a re-created late-18th-century farm, everyday tasks of raising crops, preserving and preparing food, and turning flax and wool into cloth go on once more.

At Yorktown Victory Center, outdoor living-history interpretations, hundreds of original artifacts and an evocative film, "A Time of Revolution," paint a vivid picture of the times surrounding the war's end.

Your path through history will go deep into the lives of ordinary people caught up in the struggle and spirit of the American Revolution. In the innovative "Witnesses to Revolution" gallery, ten of those who were there will speak to you in their own words. Among them, a Continental Army officer, a woman captured and adopted by Seneca Indians, a plantation owner and a slave.

You'll learn about Yorktown's history and the diversity of the international military forces that converged on the town. From galleries depicting the lot of the ordinary soldier and medical care during the war, you'll descend to an exhibit devoted to Yorktown's sunken fleet — vessels scuttled by the British in a vain attempt to forestall defeat. The American Revolution and the Battle of Yorktown were events of epic proportions. At Yorktown Victory Center, you'll discover that both also had intriguing human dimensions.



What better way to compare one period of American history with another than through the simple, everyday objects and pastimes of the people? Games, clothing, weapons, even cookery have a story to tell about how life changed – and how it remained the same – during America's formative years.



For Powhatan Indians, playtime served a larger purpose. A corn dart game, for instance, helped develop hunting skills.

While the unknown lay outside the gates of their fort, Jamestown settlers relaxed with a familiar game from home, ninepins.



Archaeological excavations of 18th-century slave quarters have uncovered artifacts which may have been playing pieces for "mancala," a counting game of African origin.



**“Captaine Argall, having entred into a great acquaintance with Iapazaws... promised him a Copper Kettle to bring her (Pocahontas) but to him... the Salvage for this Copper Kettle would have done anything.”** John Smith, *Generall Historie*



Copper pots were a common European cooking utensil in 17th- and 18th-century America. Their value as a trade item was mentioned in John Smith's *Generall Historie*.

A clay cooking pot's rounded bottom sat securely in the embers of a Powhatan Indian's fire.



A farm wife in 18th-century

## Jamestown Settlement

Chief's daughter, planter's wife, heroine of legend. Meet the real Pocahontas in the Jamestown Settlement exhibit devoted to her amazing story.



A 17th-century ceramic jug excavated nearby is now on display at Jamestown Settlement.



Indian arrows and Spanish bullets – two fears that kept the colonists on guard – are something you won't have to worry about



On the *Susan Constant*, a replica of one of three English ships that sailed to Virginia in 1607, costumed interpreters will guide you through the intricacies of navigation and the routines of shipboard life on 17th-century vessels.

Based on firsthand descriptions from English settlers, the Powhatan Indian village re-creates the world of the Powhatan tribes who inhabited much of coastal Virginia in 1607. In the dark, smoke-scented interiors of typical dwellings and outside, amid the carved posts of a ceremonial dance circle, you'll visit a realm that would change dramatically with the arrival of the king's men.



America might have done her baking in a cast iron Dutch oven much like this one.

The red color of some 17th-century English footwear came from a dye made from the root of the madder plant.



The well-dressed 18th-century man could wear his leather shoes on either foot. He just switched the moveable buckles.



If you were a Powhatan Indian, you'd put on hand-stitched leather foot covers before walking through forests.



**“ Their arrows are made some of straight young sprigs which they head with bone, some 2 or 3 inches long.”** John Smith, *Map of Virginia*

Razor-sharp arrowheads were attached to the shaft of a Powhatan Indian's arrow.

Until contact with the English, a bow and arrow was the principal Powhatan weapon.

A 17th-century settler kept his ammunition at the ready. A bandoleer slung over his shoulder held wooden chargers with a measured amount of combustible black powder for use with his matchlock musket.



Every 18th-century rifleman had his powder horn, used to charge and load the black powder rifle. Made from animal horns, many featured detailed carvings for decoration.



when you try on soldiers' armor replicated from period originals.

Scuttled by the British to block troop landings, the merchant ship *Betsy* was discovered buried on the bottom of the York River and excavated by archaeologists. Artifacts of this ship are part of a fascinating Victory Center exhibit, "Yorktown's Sunken Fleet."



The aroma of curing hams and dried tobacco, herbs and vegetables growing in the garden, flax being "broken" to create thread. At Yorktown Victory Center's re-created farm, you can step back into the 1780s for a close-up look at the life of previously British subjects who had just become American citizens.

In "A Children's Kaleidoscope" discovery room, young visitors can make a pencil rubbing, try on clothing of the period and see for themselves what it was like when America was brand-new. An adult resource room nearby offers more in-depth accounts of the period, including additional stories of the ordinary men and women who "witnessed" the Revolution.



# Yorktown Victory Center

"A Soldier's Lot" — an exhibit that gives you a closer look at military life and medical treatment experienced by ordinary soldiers of the Revolution.



In the Continental Army encampment at Yorktown Victory Center, muskets crack and a cannon roars. The company drills, cleans weapons and prepares rations. Don't be surprised if you're recruited to help costumed interpreters demonstrate some of the duties in a soldier's daily routine.

